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RESORTER REPORTER

Message from the CMR President

Hello Resorters,

Well the on-again, off-again, on-again Opener is behind us and in spite of rescuing boats stranded by the shifting ice packed conditions resembling the Bering Sea....we did survive it. Now what a difference a week makes. It's actually beginning to look like spring around the resort, other than the backlog of spring projects that aren't completed yet. But we'll get caught up again and into the swing of the season before we know it.

Even with all that is going on at our resorts now, there is also lots of activity at the CMR. A successful legislative session and lobbying effort is wrapping up for the year and our progressive marketing plan is going strong. The summer issue of the Resorter is in the works and plans for a great fall conference are well underway, along with many other projects that impact our industry and your resorts.

I know you are all extremely busy these days but I hope you will take the time to read through this CMR newsletter and stay up to date on all that is happening in your organization. Please stay connected and stay involved while you're starting another prosperous season at your resort.

Dana Pitt, CMR President

Congratulations to the 2008 CMR Scholarship Winners!

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts (CMR) was established in 1984, with our theme of "Resorters Helping Resorters." One of our goals is to provide scholastic achievement within the resorting community. Scholarship moneys became available from the previously pledged \$1000 to the Minnesota Office of Tourism, Endowed Chair and in March of 1996 the CMR Scholarship Program was set in motion. With the addition of the Carol Kirchner Memorial Scholarship in 1999, three \$500 scholarships are awarded each year. The scholarships are to be used for tuition and/or related fees by providing assistance to students in pursuit of their academic or vocational advancement

Every year we have top quality applicants, all worthy of the awards. This year was no exception. The CMR Scholarship Committee and Board wish to extend our congratulations to the following recipients of 2008 Scholarship winners.

CMR Scholarships:

Kelsea Lynn Ingebretsen, daughter of Ray & Vannessa Ingebretsen, Aspen Resort & Campground, Orr

Angela Marie Hooper, daughter of Marti & Sue Paradeis, Shing Wako Resort, Merrifield

Carol Kirchner Memorial Scholarship:

Kaitlyn Steffen, daughter of David & Camilla Steffen, Isle O'Dreams Lodge Resort, Park Rapids

We would like to wish you all the best in your advanced educational pursuits.

Resorter/s of the Year Nomination

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts selects, through nomination by its members, one resort and resort owner that has shown a dedication to the improvement of the Minnesota Resort Industry by adopting and carrying out business policies and practices that reflect a personal pride in the industry as a whole. They also live up to the organization's motto of "Resorters Helping Resorters" by involvement in community activities and by displaying a willingness to help other resort owners to successfully operate Minnesota resorts.

To this end, any member of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts can submit a nomination for this prestigious award. Nominations must be received by June 1st each year. The nominating member is not required to verify the eligibility criteria. In the event none of the resorts nominated meet all the eligibility requirements, the awards committee will make a selection based on the resort most closely meeting the criteria and notify the winner. The winner will be asked to be present at the Annual Congress of Minnesota Resorts Fall Conference where the formal announcement and presentation will be made.

I/we, being members(s) in good standing, submit the following nomination for the Annual Resorter/s of the Year Award"

Resort Name _____

Owner/Operator Name(s) _____

Address _____

The following criteria are considered by the awards committee in making their selection:

CMR member in good standing for the previous three consecutive years under the same ownership.

Ability to maintain a successful and progressive resort.

History of helping and mentoring other resort owners/operators.

Involvement in community activities.

At least five years between awards.

Not a current member of the Awards Committee.

In the space following please briefly explain the accomplishments of the resort you are nominating, their ability to maintain a progressive resort and their attitude toward resorting and the resort industry.

Please give a brief explanation of how this resort and its owners/s have been involved in community activities to include involvement in resort industry organizations like the Congress of Minnesota Resorts.

Please give a brief example of how this nominee has acted as a mentor to other resort owners/operators.

This nomination is submitted by:

Resort Name and Owner/Operator _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Send nomination form to: Congress of Minnesota Resorts, 21403 52nd Street NE, New London, MN 56273

Articles for the *Minnesota Resorter Magazine*

The Minnesota Resorter Magazine is always looking for articles. They can be long or short, funny or serious, educational or for human interest. The best articles are written by resorters. Anything that you think would interest another resort owner is considered good material! We would like to receive material from as many different people from across the state as we can. And don't worry about feeling you need to be a fabulous writer -- we have editors and proof-readers who can make your article "ship shape" for print.

The deadline for articles for the summer issue is May 26th. Articles for future issues can be sent at any time. Please send them directly to:

Jennifer Bateman at vacation@twinlets.com

Nominating Resorters for the 2008 Resorter of the Year Award

A Resorter of the Year Nomination form can be printed out by going to the CMR website www.Minnesota-Resorts.com Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on CMR Member (left corner), then by using your Login and Password you will be able to go to Applications and click on Resorter of the Year Nomination and print a copy. You can also print a copy of page three of this newsletter, fill out and mail to the CMR office at 21403 52nd Street NE, New London, MN 56273. If you need further assistance please contact Vicky by emailing: cmr@minnesota-resorts.com or call 888-761-4245.

June 1st Deadline

Watch for information on the CMR Fall Resort Tour In future issues of the Resorter Reporter

CMR Falls Conference Mark your Calendars October 26th thru 28th

Submitted by: Jason Ball, Conference Committee, Cass Lake Lodge

The Fall Conference will be held October 26th - 28th. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel Duluth Harborview located in downtown Duluth. Room rates will be \$79.00 plus tax. This year there will be many great topics, cracker barrels, and a large vendor show. The Radisson will hold rooms until September 26th so make sure to book yours before the busy season starts. We look forward to seeing everyone there

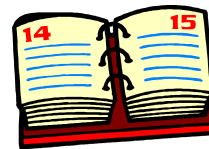
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- cmroffice@tds.net or
- call our toll free number 888-761-4245 or
- snail mail to Congress of Minnesota Resorts, 21403 52nd Street NE, New London, MN 56273

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1, 2008	Nominations for "Resorter of the Year" due in the CMR Office
June 5, 2008	Board Meeting Hyde-A-Way Bay Resort, Hackensack
August 21, 2008	Board Meeting location to be announce
September 1, 2008	CMR Membership Dues are due
October 26-28, 2008	CMR Fall Conference, Radisson Hotel Duluth, www.radisson.com/duluthmn room rate \$79 plus tax



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the CMR website.**

CMR MISSION STATEMENT

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts exists to help family owned and operated resorts in Minnesota to continue as a viable segment of the Minnesota tourism industry

CMR MOTTO

The Congress of Minnesota Resort's motto is "Resorters Helping Resorters" We believe that none of us is as smart as all of us.

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